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Serial No.: 10/700,500

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For: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENTS, MAGNETIC HEADS AND MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0

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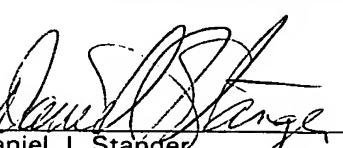
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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March 9, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.